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PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors):
US Israel Education Association (USIEA)
2. Description of the trip:
A fact-finding mission concerning the US-Israel relationship
3. Dates of travel: August 18, 2017- August 25, 2017
4. Place of travel: Israel
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Senator James Lankford
6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:
☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.
- OR -
☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- AND -
☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I *certify* that:
☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
- AND -
☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

- OR -

☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

- OR -

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

USIEA is sole sponsor of this trip

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

USIEA is dedicated to fostering communications between U.S. and Israeli leaders and experts.

This trip educates U.S. legislators to help them make informed decisions.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

USIEA has been leading advanced educational trips to Israel since 2011, as well as educational briefings in Washington, DC.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

USEIA educational briefings on Capitol Hill convey information on subjects related to US-Israel

relations. USIEA offers Members and staff educational resources that enhance their knowledge on timely issues or potential opportunities for economic development.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate	\$6825	\$1275- Includes a ccompanying daug hter	\$828- Includes ac companying daug hter	\$86- Entrance Fees, Notebooks
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts				

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized specifically with regard to the congressional participation

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

The trip to Israel will include visits to the West Bank due to current policy issues concerning this location.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Waldorf Astoria Jerusalem, Israel

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

The hotel was selected for the high level of security, location, meeting space and availability

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

These costs are at or below the daily per diem.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

Business Class Air Transportation

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

N/A

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (You must include the completed signature block below for each travel sponsor.):

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U.S. ISRAEL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Itinerary for U.S. Congressional Tour Friday, August 18th – Friday, August 25th, 2017

Specific Locations and Speakers were selected due to the Senators committee assignments with Intelligence, Homeland Security, Governmental Affairs, Appropriations and his work on mutually beneficial Bi-National legislative initiatives in the areas of technology, industry, science, agriculture and research.

Arrival – Saturday, August 19, 2017:

4:15 PM Late Afternoon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv – Flight DL 468

Transfer to Jerusalem - Waldorf Astoria Hotel

7:30 PM Welcome Dinner with Heather Johnston

Speaker: Heather Johnston, Executive Director, U.S. Israel Education Association
Topic: *Welcome and Orientation*

Overnight Waldorf Astoria Hotel

Day 1 – Sunday, August 20, 2017: Jerusalem - (8.5 hrs.)

8:00 AM Breakfast – Hotel (1 hr.)

Speaker: Heather Johnston, Executive Director, U.S. Israel Education Association
Topic: *Overview and Timeline of Israel's History*
Description: Presentation on history of Israel to give an understanding of the past cultures, religions and history and the role the US plays today inside this nation

9:00 AM Depart for City of David

9:30 AM City of David Educational Briefing on Excavations/Tunnels (1.5 hrs.)

Speaker: Heather Johnston, Founder & Director, U. S. Israel Education Association
Topic:
Description: Presentation of history from the original location of the city of Jerusalem and understanding the layout of the modern city today. Discussion of urban development issues and understanding economic consequences of modern layout inside today's communities.

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Day 2 – Monday, August 21, 2017: Airbase/Jerusalem - (8.5 hrs.)

8:30 AM Breakfast- Hotel- Private Room (1 hr.) Members Only- Secure Briefing!

Speaker: Major General Herzi Halevi, Chief of Israeli Military Intelligence Directorate

Topic: *Briefing on Israel's Growing Security Threat on the Northern Borders*

Description: A secure briefing on the current threat of the northern borders particularly the Golan Heights region and the IDF developments to protect these hostile borders. A look into how these new developments of border security can also benefit the US and border patrol.

10:00 AM **Hotel (1 hr.)**

Speaker: Colonel (ret.) Moshe Patel, IMDO Director- Israel Ministry of Defense
Topic: *Briefing on Israel's Missile Defense*
Description: Israel's latest missile technology and a look into future defense strategies

11:30 AM Lunch- Hotel- Private Room (1.5 hrs.):

Speaker: Avigdor Lieberman, Minister of Defense
Topic: *Briefing*
Description: A briefing on recent developments inside Israel's defense on all military fronts.

1:30 PM **Depart for Palmachim Airbase (1 hr.)**

Speaker: Ari Sacher, Chief Operating Engineer, Iron Dome
Topic: *Overview of Israel's Missile Defense System Architecture*
Description: A description and explanation of the variety of missile defense systems, current uses today and each systems purpose in defending Israel from border to border.

2:45 PM **Tour of Arrow- 2 Defense System (1.5 hrs.)**
(including simulated attack from Iran)

4:15 PM Arrow-3 Briefing (.5 hr.)

Speaker: Inbal Kreiss, Deputy General Manager MBT space Division, Systems Missiles & Space Group, Israel Aerospace Industries

Topic: *Arrow-3 Program*

Description: Secure briefing on the latest Arrow-3 missile program

5:00 PM Depart for Jerusalem (1.5 hr.)

Speaker: Ari Sacher, Chief Operating Engineer, Iron Dome
Topic: *Q & A Educational Debrief-Missile Defense Systems*
Description: An opportunity to gain better understanding and ask questions as these developments affect the US relating to missile defense for both countries.

7:00 PM **Dinner- Hotel (.5 hr.)**

2:45 PM Depart for Shiloh

Speaker: Avi Zimmerman, Executive Director, American Friends of Ariel
Topic: *Understanding U.S. perspective toward Judea and Samaria, Part I*
Description: An understanding of the role the US plays inside the West Bank with businesses, education, building and growth.

3:15 PM Ancient Shiloh –Archaeological Site (2 hrs.)

Speaker: Mayor Avi Roeh and Spokesperson Miri Ovadia
Topic: *A Look into the rich history of the city and the problems it faces today*
Description: A look at the city of Shiloh, it's recent historical finding through excavation. A description from the Mayor into the life of local residents, surrounding neighborhoods and security.
Speaker: Heather Johnston, Executive Director, U.S. Israel Education Association
Topic: *Israel's Period of the Judges in Relation to Modern Times: What lessons can be learned?*
Description: A look back over history in this region and years of hostility still remains today. Can lessons be learned and changes be implemented with the involvement of US leaders.

5:15 PM Depart for Dinner (.5 hr.)

Speaker: Avi Zimmerman, Executive Director, American Friends of Ariel
Topic: *Understanding U.S. perspective toward Judea and Samaria, Part II*
Description: A discussion looking into Bi-National Legislation and the impact it can have on the US-Israel Relationship.

6:00 PM Dinner- Psagot Winery (1 hr.)

Speaker: David Friedman- U.S. Ambassador
Topic: *Briefing: A path forward for Judea and Samaria*
Description: Comments from the US Ambassador for improving relations inside the West Bank.

7:15 PM Depart for Hotel

Overnight at Waldorf Astoria Hotel

Day 4 – Wednesday, August 23, 2017: Jerusalem – (8.5 hrs.)

8:00 AM Breakfast – Hotel- Private Room (1 hr.)

Speaker: Itamar Marcus, Founder and Director, Palestinian Media Watch
Topic: *U. S. Congress and Palestinian Incitement*
Description: An in-depth understanding into what is being taught in schools today, propaganda, the latest on terrorist attacks, targets and a look into the US funding of Palestinian terrorists.

9:30 AM Temple Mount (1 hr.)

Speaker: Shai Nahon, Professional Guide
Topic: *Historical Perspectives with a view to Modern Israel and the impact that cultural and religious paradigms have on the Middle East Peace Process*
Description: A look at the Temple Mount, Jordan's involvement, the entrances and security issues erupting today. A discussion around how this affects US citizens traveling to Israel today and the future.

11:00 AM Tour of Jerusalem & Outlying Neighborhoods (3 hrs.)

Speaker: Chaim Silberstein, Founder, Keep Jerusalem
Topic: *The Middle East Peace Process and East Jerusalem*
Description: A detailed look inside neighborhoods located in East Jerusalem, understanding the division of East and West Jerusalem and the road to peace.

2:00 PM Return to Hotel: Change Into Business Attire

3:00 PM Hotel- Discuss PM meeting and topics and remarks from each Member pertaining to their committees and assignments.

4:00 PM Depart for Knesset (.5 hr.)

5:00 PM Meeting with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (1.5 hrs.)

Topic: *Briefing with the Prime Minister*

7:00 PM East Jerusalem Site of Jordanian occupation and modern day disputes over land rights (.5 hr.)

Speaker: Shai Nahon, Professional Guide
Topic: *Jordanian occupation and modern day disputes over land rights*
Description: Understanding Jerusalem from a vantage point in East Jerusalem overlooking West Jerusalem and the history of disputes over this land at this particular location

Speaker: Heather Johnston, Executive Director, U.S. Israel Education Association
Topic: *Palestinians Viewpoint of the City of Jerusalem*
Description: A deeper look into the importance of understanding the US relationship with both the Palestinian Authority and the Israeli Government and how to engage with each side.

8:00 PM Dinner- Hotel (1 hr.)

Topic: *Prime Minister Debriefing with Members*

Overnight Waldorf Astoria Hotel

Day 5 – Thursday, August 24, 2017: Judea – (9 hrs.)

7:30 AM Breakfast

8:00 AM Depart for Hebron (1.5 hrs.)
Go by Future Embassy Location in Jerusalem
Visit an UNRWA Refugee Camp

Speaker: Heather Johnston, Executive Director, U.S. Israel Education Association
Topic: *US/Israel Relationship in View of Modern Israel*
Description: The steps involved in moving the Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem and the work to be accomplished inside each step.

Speaker: Shai Nahon, Professional Guide
Topic: *History of Judea and tour of Modern Neighborhoods*
Description: Understanding the difference in the security threat to the southern region of the West Bank inside the green line.

10:00 AM Hebron (1.5 hrs.)

Speaker: Rabbi Simcha Hochbaum, Hebron Director of Tourism
Topic: *Hebron: Home of the Patriarchs, relevance of Hebron in US Israel relationship and the impact of the recent UNESCO statements on this city.*
Description: An up close look at the changes this city is undergoing due to the current disputes, violence and claims to control over Hebron and the location of the nation's patriarchs.

11:30 AM Depart for Lunch- Gush Etzion Winery (.5 hr.)

Speaker: Shai Nahon
Topic: *Modern History of Judea: Demographic Realities*
Description: A discussion to look further into the growing threat in this region and how it is affecting the demographics of people groups, as well as the effects it has on the nation.

12:00 PM Lunch at Gush Etzion Winery (1.5 hrs.)

Speaker: Yishai Fleisher, International spokesman Hebron, Israeli Radio Host, writer and contributing editor at the JewishPress.com
Topic: *Creating Business and Opportunity for Palestinians inside Judea and Samaria*
Description: A look into understanding both sides of a one state verses two state solution and the effects each would have on Israel, Palestinians and the US.

1:30 PM Depart for Jerusalem

2:30 PM Jerusalem Municipality (1 hr.)

Speaker: Nir Barkat, Mayor of Jerusalem
Topic: *Briefing: Jerusalem*
Description: A discussion around the details of moving the Embassy and the role of the US Government and a time to ask pertinent questions to the Mayor of the city involved in all the details and possibilities.

3:30 PM Depart for Mobileye

4:00 PM Mobileye (1.5 hrs.)

Speaker: Mois Navon, ASIC Design Manager
Topic: *Latest Technology Innovations in Collaboration with US*
Description: A first-hand look at the technology that develops vision-based advanced driver assist providing warnings for collision prevention with car manufacturers.

6:30 PM Dinner- Hotel (1.5 hrs.)

Speaker: Michael Oren, Former Ambassador to the US
Topic: *50 Years Since 1967 War*
Description: While this is the 50th year since the 1967, a look into the lines drawn between sides during the 1967 war and how those lines are still the disputes fought over today.

8:45 PM Depart for Ben Gurion Airport (1 hr.)

10:00 PM Arrival at Ben Gurion for Departure Check-In

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